



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL SUMMARY

SEPT. 28, 2020

ATTENDANCE: Danny Adkins, Casey Allen, Deanna Ashby, Doug Bennett, Robin Cochran, Thom Cochran, Cornelius Faulkner, Mark Kopp, Mike Lafavers, Kyle Lively, Danny Osborne, Marty Pollio, Matt Robbins, Wayne Roberts, David Rust, Greg Schultz, Tres Settle, Jay Simmons, Robb Smith, Kelly Sprinkles, Henry Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kay Dixon, Scott Hawkins, Sanford Holbrook

Agenda Item: Q&A with the Commissioner

Presenter: Jason Glass, Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)

Summary of Discussion:

Commissioner Glass welcomed members and invited them to introduce themselves and share something about their district. In an effort to learn more about the educational context in Kentucky, Glass gave the members a chance to voice their ideas in three areas: keep doing, stop doing, and start doing.

The superintendents were given time to think about and share what they felt was the right work or what KDE should keep doing. Superintendents said they believe the KDE should continue its focus on technology, equity, achievement gap closure, maintaining flexibility with regulations, and non-traditional instruction (NTI).

They were then asked to say what was not of value or what KDE should stop doing. Superintendents expressed a need to rethink the antiquated systems of funding, bonding and construction regulations, amongst other ideas.

Lastly, they let the commissioner know what they felt KDE should be working toward or start doing. Those thoughts included consideration for a statewide virtual platform, support and guidance for mental health, focusing on telling our public schools' positive stories, and focusing on systems and process.

This is a technique the commissioner plans to use with all stakeholders as he transitions. Time was allowed for superintendents to give advice or recommendations to the new commissioner.

Comm: JGG